



## OREGON'S 23 COMMODITY COMMISSIONS

- Alfalfa Seed
- Albacore
- Beef
- Blueberry
- Clover seed
- Dairy and nutrition
- Dungeness crab
- Fine Fescue grass seed
- Hazelnut
- Hemp
- Hop
- Mint
- Potato
- Processed vegetable
- Raspberry Blackberry
- Ryegrass seed
- Salmon
- Sheep
- Strawberry
- Sweet Cherry
- Tall Fescue grass seed
- Trawl
- Wheat



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LOVE OREGON'S  
FARMS, RANCHES AND  
COMMERCIAL FISHING?

## Support Success and Serve

*as an Oregon Commodity  
Commissioner*



**For producers, processors and  
public members**





## Who are commodity commissioners?

Whether it's for beef or berries, cherries or clover seed, dairy products or Dungeness crab, hazelnuts or hops, grass seed or wheat, albacore tuna or salmon, pink shrimp or processed vegetables, sheep or mint, or trawl-caught ocean fish or hemp, nearly 200 volunteers serve as commissioners directing the programs of Oregon's commodity commissions.

### COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS

The director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) appoints about 65 commissioners each year. Commissioners are appointed to 2-, 3- or 4-year-terms, depending on the commission.

Annually, as they adopt a budget, commissioners review income projections and make choices about how to spend funds on:

- Research
- Non-branded/generic promotion
- Education

### COMMISSIONER COMMITMENTS

- Meet 4 to 10 times a year via a computer-based meeting service, phone, in person or a hybrid
- Attend meetings that vary from a few hours to up to 2 days
- Travel to locations that may vary to make meetings accessible to more growers and harvesters (mileage may be reimbursed)

### MEETING AGENDAS INCLUDE:

- Reviewing financial reports
- Approving meeting minutes
- Reports from commission staff, OSU researchers and ODA
- Discussing issues specific to a commodity
- Deciding on project proposals
- Reviewing projects to determine if they were effective

### HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY:

- By February each year, you can view a list of commissioner openings online.
- Fill out the appropriate application listed under resources on the webpage. Sign the application and submit it to ODA.
- Find the openings and application online: [oda.direct/commissions](http://oda.direct/commissions)



### COMMISSIONERS REPRESENT THREE CATEGORIES:

1. Producers are growers, ranchers, or boat skippers.
2. Handlers are the first purchasers of each commodity; usually a processor of food, seafood, grain or grass seed.
3. Public members are passionate about a particular Oregon commodity but aren't directly associated with producing or handling that commodity.

### COMMISSIONER QUALIFICATIONS

Must live in Oregon, be a U.S. citizen, and be enthusiastic about developing and keeping Oregon's agriculture and commercial fishing industries economically competitive.

In general, producers must have paid the assessment for the three preceding calendar years. Hemp producers and processors must have grown or processed hemp under an ODA registration/license for the preceding three years. For most, handlers must have collected the assessment each of the three preceding years. The beef and wheat commissions require five years involvement for both producers and handlers.

Several commodity commissions have more specific commissioner qualifications, including geographic representation.